

**East Alabama Association**

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*Free Will Baptist*



**MINUTES 1976**

**MINUTES 1975**

## Order of Business of Quarterly or Yearly Association

1. The body called to order by the Clerk if present, if not, the Assistant Clerk, if he be present, if not the body may select some other suitable member to act as Clerk.
2. Call for corresponding letters.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seat.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Morning Message.
6. Adjourn for Lunch
7. Call for committee report.
8. Call for miscellaneous or new business.
9. Election of officers at yearly association and appointing time and place for quarterly meeting.
10. Adjournment.

## Order of Business of Women's Auxiliary Convention

1. Call to order by President
2. Call for corresponding letters.
3. Have letters read and adopted and seat the delegates.
4. Have reading of previous meeting.
5. Old business.
6. New business.
7. Program by host church.
8. Election of officers at the yearly association.
9. Dismissed by prayer.

## OFFICERS FOR YEAR, FEBRUARY, 1976 - FEBRUARY, 1977

Moderator—Rev. Rodger Milling 502 - 30th Street, Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
Asst. Moderator—Rev. Ray Fletcher 1914 - 2nd Avenue, Opelika, Ala. 36801  
Clerk—Patricia Milling 502 - 30th Street, Phenix City, Alabama 36867  
Asst. Clerk—Nadine Dean, Route 4, Box 671, Phenix City, Ala. 36867

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 yr.—Rev. Ray Fletcher 1914 - 2nd Avenue, Opelika, Ala. 36867  
4 yr.—Rev. Walter Jones 2011 - 2nd Avenue, Phenix City, Ala. 36867  
3 yr.—Rev. Sanford Hale 104 - 17 Place, Opelika, Ala. 36801  
2 yr.—Rev. J. L. Jones 608 Hawkins Avenue, Luverne, Ala. 36049  
1 yr.—Rev. Huey Lacy 1215 - 23rd Court, Phenix City, Alabama 36867

## GENERAL BOARD

This board to be made up of the pastors in the East Ala. Association.  
Rev. Huey Lacy, Rev. Walter Jones, Rev. Ray Fletcher, Rev. Glen Monday, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Rev. A. T. Byrd, Rev. James Blalock

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

5 yr.—Lester Thornton, 4 yr.—Randy Carr, 3 yr.—Rev. Ronnie Knighton,  
2 yr.—Judy Lee, 1 yr.—Rev. Ernest Dukes.

## ORDINATION COUNCIL

5 yr.—Rev. Ray Fletcher, 4 yr.—Rev. Huey Lacy, 3 yr.—Carlton Killingsworth, 2 yr.—Rev. Sanford Hale, 1 yr.—Charles Barnett.

## EAST ALA. MISSION

Treasurer—Rev. Rodger Milling 502 - 30th Street, Phenix City, Ala. 36867

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1976 - 1977

District Woman's Auxiliary—April 17, 1976 - Opelika, Ala.  
State Woman's Auxiliary—May 1, 1976 - Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
First Quarterly Meeting—May 8, 1976 - Unity, Sylacauga, Ala.  
Second Quarterly—August 14, 1976 - Luverne, Ala.  
Third Quarterly—November 6, 1976 - Opelika, Ala.  
State Association—November 11, 12, 13, 1976, Decatur, Ala.  
Nineteenth Annual Meeting—February 12, 1977 - St. James, Phenix City.

All meetings begin at 9:30 Central Standard Time; 10:30 Eastern Standard Time. Lunch is served from 11:30 to 12:30 Central Time; 12:30 to 1:30 Eastern Time.



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## PROCEEDINGS

## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

Saturday morning—November 2, 1974

The meeting was opened with song "Sunlight" led by Bro. Otis Lynn. Prayer by Rev. Sanford Hale, then another song, "At Calvary". The meeting was called to order by the clerk, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The clerk called for the letters from the various churches. There was a move and second that the moderator appoint two people to read the letters. Carried. Bro. Robert Caswell and Bro. Bob Olson were appointed. Rev. Rodger Milling, moderator, gave a short devotional from Phillippians, Chapter 2. A motion was made to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Second. Carried. The Board of Christian Education was asked to meet during lunch.

Rev. Milling, moderator, appointed the committees and made necessary changes to the standing committees as follows:

Executive Board—Rev. J. L. Jones replaced Rev. J. M. Goode.

Business and Finance—Bro. Ken Russell, Bro. H. L. Parker, Bro. Louie Gayles, Bro. James Brown, Bro. Rufus Lawhorne, and Bro. Robert Carswell, with Bro. Carswell acting as chairman.

After some songs were sung, the morning message was brought by Rev. Alton Sellers, pastor of White Rock Free Will Baptist Church. His text was taken from II Chronicles, Chapter 7. Bro. Loyd Olsan announced that there will be a Youth Rally Saturday, November 23rd, at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 9:30 Central Time, 10:30 Eastern Time. Jonathan Thigpen will be guest speaker.

## Afternoon Session:

## REPORTS:

Business and Finance—(1) Recommend that we change back to use of old letter forms. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read with one exception—Opelika church had \$5.00 that was supposed to go to Missions; this was to be taken off the Children's Home and put back on East Alabama Missions. (See Finance Report)

## Missions Report:

1202.00 Old Balance  
40.94 Rec. Nov. 2, 1974  
1242.94 Total on hand

Ordination Council Report—We recommend that Larry Peterson be licensed to preach for one year. Move, second, carried.

## 18th ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

## Meeting at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church

Saturday Morning—February 8, 1975

The meeting opened with song "Victory in Jesus", led by Bro. Lyn Blanchard and pianist Martha Caswell. Song, "He Set Me Free". After the call for the letters from the corresponding churches, the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, with one correction; name Robert



Caswell, not Robert Carswell. Carried. Call to order by clerk, Pat Milling. Motion made, seconded and carried for Moderator to appoint a committee to read the letters. The moderator Rev. Rodger Milling appointed Sis. Nadine Dean, Sis. Martha Caswell to read the letters. Rev. Raymond Ledlowe gave a short devotional on Matthew 9:36-38, and 8:21, 22. The corresponding letters were read and a motion was made to seat the delegates. Second. Carried.

The following committees were appointed:

Temperance Committee: Sis. Gladys Thompson, Sis. Erma Brown, Sis. Kaye Allen.

Sabbath Day Observance Committee: Sis. Joan Page, Sis. Horne, Sis. Myers.

Deceased Committee: Sis. Lara Cagle, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Bro. Carlton Killingsworth.

Business and Finance Committee: Bro. Claude Allen, Bro. Lyn Blanchard, Bro. James Allen, Bro. Randy Carr, Bro. John Horne, Sis. Martha Thornton, Sis. Frances Webb, Rev. A. T. Byrd.

Song, "In The Sweet By and By", led by Bro. Lyn Blanchard with Sis. Martha Thornton at the piano.

Rev. Huey Lacy, pastor of St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, introduced Rev. Ralph Bell, from Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, in Columbus, Georgia, as guest speaker. Bro. Bell brought the morning message, his scripture taken from Revelation, Chapter 4.

## REPORTS:

### Business and Finance Committee:

We recommend that a copy of November and February Minutes be run off and added to our present minutes. Move, second, carried.

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
1st-Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
1st-Opelika	12.00	5.00	11.85
White Rock	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	12.00		10.00
Gilbert	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
	<u>\$108.00</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$21.85</u>

### Sabbath Day Observance Committee:

We, the Sabbath Day Observance Committee: according to St. Mark 2:27 and I Corinthians 16:2 in God's Holy Word: We as Christians believe in keeping the Lord's Day Holy and lay up in store what God has prospered us, according to His Lord. Assemble ourselves together in worship in the Lord's house. (signed) Sis. Joan Page, Sis. Mary Myers, Sis. Frances Horne.

### Temperance Committee:

We of the East Alabama Association Temperance Committee go to Pro-

verbs 21:17: "He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich."

(signed) Sis. Erma Brown, Sis. Gladys Thompson, Sis. Kaye Allen.

### Deceased Committee:

We of the East Alabama Association Deceased Committee submit the following names as deceased:

From Opelika: Brother Bruce Vaughn passed from this life Dec. 27, 1974.

From St. James: Sis. Leila Higgins, birth, August 6, 1883, death Dec. 30, 1974. Sister Mildred I. Franklin, birth, Feb. 5, 1906, death May 25, 1974. Brother James Jackson Jones, birth Dec. 5, 1906, death June 14, 1974. Sister Lizzie Davis, birth May 25, 1891, death August 14, 1974. Sis. Edith Payne, death December 22, 1974. Lucy Alberson, birth, Dec. 30, 1881, death Feb. 7, 1974.

From White Rock: Brother Ray Martin, death August 16, 1974. Brother Fred Robinson, birth September 12, 1885, death January 20, 1975.

From Sylacauga: Sis. Nattie Tyler.

St. Mark: Bro. R. A. Chapman, birth Nov. 9, 1913, death Oct. 1, 1974. Sis. Mary Lou Gunter.

(signed) Sis. Lara Cagle, Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, Bro. Carlton Killingsworth. Move to accept report, second, carried.

From Luverne: Emma Nell Hudson, death, Dec., 1974.

### Children's Home Report:

1. We received 8 children since last meeting, 5 from one family, 3 from another family.

2. The Waldreps no longer are on the staff. They stayed only 2 weeks.

3. Janice Stone got married 2 weeks ago, leaving in 2 weeks.

4. Christmas they received the usual gifts and parties. They received over \$21,000 in December, about 1,000 more than last year. They received about \$35.00 per child in cash. \$2200 in sporting equipment and camping equipment was donated by Hall Brothers of Jasper.

5. Three of the 9 rooms in the girls dorm was completed. New furniture, bunks, 2 chests, desk. Cost \$363.00 each. Cost about \$800 per room.

6. Financial—Utilities were about \$1000 last month. Coal was \$24 per ton, now is \$30 per ton. In January 74 received \$8,700, January 75 received \$5,600. Spent January 75 \$9,300.

7. Foster Parents cards—6 years old receive .75 to 1.00. 7-9 years old receive 1.00-1.50. 10-12 years old receive 1.50-2.00.

8. Raises—monthly—\$15.00 per month. Hourly—.25 per hour. Move, second, to accept as information. Carried.

### East Alabama Missions:

1242.94 Balance

21.85 Rec. February 1975

1264.79



State Home Missions Board Report given by Rev. Walter Jones, Move, second, to receive as information. Carried.

Move to adjourn, seconded carried. Dismissed in prayer.

#### Finance Report:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
1st-Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
1st-Opelika	12.00	5.00	18.64
White Rock	12.00	5.00	12.30
Bethel	12.00	10.00	10.00
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Gilbert	12.00	5.00	
Totals	\$108.00	\$50.00	\$40.94

There was a move and second to go back to using the old white letter forms. After discussion, the move was carried.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Walter Jones gave a report on State Home Missions. This was accepted as information.

Rev. Alton Sellers reminded the congregation that there was a By-Law which stated that "No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes".

#### Children's Home Report:

1. We have 26 children in the Home at this time. Six of there are in grades 10-12, with two, graduating this year.

2. Mrs. Mills is working as a temporary house-parent. Miss Janice Stone is going to be a house-parent with the teen-age girls. We hired Mr. and Mrs. James Waldrep to be house-parents for the teen-age boys. Mr. Waldrep will be in charge of the farming program.

3. We need children at the home between the ages of 6 and 12.

4. We are having a lot of dental work this year (2 root canals, braces).

5. We hope to finish the work on the girls dorm this winter.

6. The Georgia Harvest Drive just ended with over \$4,000 in cash and commodities, and about 700 bushels of shelled corn.

7. We had a lawn sale with used clothing, bedding, etc. and sold over \$300 worth.

8. We have received \$100,593.24 since Sept. 1973 and paid out \$98,106.72, of which \$2,486.86 was for the loan. This averages \$7,968.32 per month. During this time, we cared for 34 children. This is \$31.68 per month below our budget.

#### Ordination Council Report:

We, the Ordination Council recommend Bro. Grady Holder be accepted

into this association as an ordained minister, as he did bring letter of recommendation from his previous association. We, the ordination council, upon examination of Bro. Lester Thornton for ordination as deacon, find him sound in doctrine and qualifications as deacon, and we recommend him for ordination.

Item 1: Move, second to accept Rev. Grady Holder. Carried.

Item 2: Move, second to accept Rev. Grady Thornton as deacon. Carried. During the ordination service of Bro. Lester Thornton, Rev. Rodger Milling brought the charge, speaking from I Timothy 3:8-13.

Motion made to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Loyd Olsan.

#### PROCEEDINGS - FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

May 10, 1975

Morning Session opened with song, "This Is My Father's World", led by Bro. Otis Lynn and Pat Milling, pianist. After prayer by Rev. Sanford Hale, another song was sung, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing". Rev. Rodger Milling, Moderator, called for the letters from the churches, and appointed Bro. James Allen and Rev. Don Hartzog to read the letters. Bro. Randy Carr called for the young people who had studied the Bible Memorization Program to come forward. Only five young people competed, but they showed excellent training.

The corresponding letters were read and adopted and delegates were seated. Rev. Milling appointed the Business & Finance Committee: Bro. Hurtiss Carr, Bro. H. L. Parker, Bro. James Brown, Sis. Nadine Dean, Sis. Joan Page, Sis. Marcelle Lynn. Rev. Walter Jones and Bro. J. A. Richburg were appointed to the ordination council to fill in for those who were absent.

Pat Milling, clerk, was asked to contact Bethel and Luverne for their letters.

After the song, "Victory in Jesus", Rev. Glen Monday, new pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Montgomery, brought the morning message from II Timothy 4:7; his theme: "Wanted, Fighting Christians". Dismissed in prayer by Br. Hurtiss Carr.

Afternoon session: Bro. Randy Carr presented the medals to the winners of the Bible Memorization Program competition, who were as follows: Stephanie Postlewait; Sherry Williams - 1st Place-sword drill; and Doug Postlewait - 2nd Place.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### BUSINESS & FINANCE:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	E. Alabama Missions
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Gilbert	12.00	5.00	
Opelika	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
Unity	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	no report		
Luverne	12.00		
Total	96.00	35.00	00

#### Children's Home Report:

Bro. Milling stated that he had no report to give this time from the Children's Home because he was sick and unable to attend the Board Meeting.



**EAST ALA. MISSIONS:**

Old Balance	1,264.79	
Received	437.63	from Alabama State Association
Total on hand	1,702.42	

Bro. Walter Jones gave a report on "Operation Partnership". This was received as information.

**ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT:**

Move to accept Rev. Glen Monday, upon receipt of a letter from his association. (Progressive) Second. Carried.

Move to ordain Ernest Dukes as Minister of the Gospel. Second.

Carried. Ordination services—The charge was brought by Rev. Huey Lacy from I Timothy 3:17. Prayer by Rev. Rodger Milling. Rev. Dukes and Rev. Monday were welcomed as the song "Amazing Grace" was sung. Move & second to give host church a rising vote of thanks. Dismissed in prayer.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

Theme: "Stewardship in the Life of Woman"

Scripture John 4:28,30,39.

The East Alabama District Convention met at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, Phenix City, Alabama, April 19, 1975.

9:30 Call to order by President, Sister J. M. Goode.

Hymn by the Gospel Light Singers "It's A Wonderful Feeling".

Prayer by Vice President, Sister Betty Neese.

Welcome address by Sister Helen Brown.

Response by Sister Elsie Hale.

President's message by Sister J. M. Goode "Stewardship of our Personality".

President Welcomed all Ministers present.

**BUSINESS:**

Call for letters.

Letters were read by the Secretary and delegates were seated.

Minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Appointing of Committees by the President.

**Nominating Committee:**

Sister Fanny Whitehurst—St. James

Sister Pat Milling—St. Mark

Sister Adgie Mae Deason—Unity

**Appreciation Committee:**

Sister Elsie Hale—Opelika

Sister Ruth Postlewait—Montgomery

Sister Grady Holder—Unity

Treasurer's report read and approved as read.

**New Business:**

A letter from Sister Geraldine Cox, State Secretary, was read by Sister Goode concerning our Home Missionaries to Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Rev. and Mrs. Karel Smith. Our local auxiliaries were urged to contribute money to this couple who are in need due to hospital expenses. A money tree would be at the Alabama State Convention at Winfield, Alabama.

Place of next meeting—Free Will Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabama, April, 1976.

Delegates from District Aux. Convention were selected to attend the State Aux. Convention at Winfield, Alabama, May 3, 1975.

**Delegates were:**

Sister Pat Milling

Sister Marcel Lynn

Sister Nancy Carmack

Sister Adgie Mae Deason

Sister Bessie Carr

Sister Martha Kyser

**SPEAKERS:**

Topic 1. Stewardship of Our Time — Sister Marcel Lynn

Topic 2. Stewardship of Our Talents—Sister Jewell Smith

Topic 3. Stewardship of Our Money and Possessions—Sister Juanita Wyatt

Offering with prayer by Sister Fanny Whitehurst

Two songs were sung by the "Gospel Light Singers"

"Share Him" and "One Day at a Time"

Morning Message by host Pastor Brother Lacy

Theme: A Helpmeet for Man and Her place in God's Business.

Adjourn for lunch with prayer by Brother Walter Jones.

Afternoon, April 19, 1975

12:30 Return to auditorium

Three songs by the "Gospel Light Singers"

"Nearer to Thee", "One Day I Will", and "Why Me Lord"

Prayer by Sister Bessie Carr.

Special program by host Church entitled "Everythings Changing"

**Presentation of Attendance Banner:**

Banner won by auxiliary from Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama.

It was moved and seconded that we take our offering for the day of \$40.00 and give the "Gospel Light Singers" \$20.00 and Rev. and Mrs. Karel Smith \$20.00. This motion was voted on and carried.



**Committee Reports:**

We, the appreciation committee, on behalf of those present, wish to express our appreciation to St. Mark Church for the wonderful meal. We would like to give a standing vote of thanks to the officers, those who took part in the program, Brother Lacy and the host church for the inspiring day.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Sister Grady Holder  
Sister Elsie Hale  
Sister Ruth Postlewait

We, the nominating committee, recommend the following for officers for the year 1975-76.

President—Sister Elsie Hale  
Vice President—Sister Gladys Clawson  
Secretary-Treasurer—Sister Bessie Carr  
Field Worker—Sister Ruth Postlewait

It was moved and seconded that we accept the above nominees as new officers. The motion was voted on and carried.

Installation of New Officers by Sister Adgie Mae Deason

**Benediction:**

Prayer by Sister Elsie Hale

List of Auxiliary officers and Financial report attached.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Brought Forward .....\$ 28.88

**Received for Fees:**

White Rock .....	10.50
Unity, Sylacauga .....	17.50
St. James .....	20.00
Montgomery .....	15.50
Opelika .....	12.00
St. Mark .....	16.50

TOTAL .....\$ 92.00

**Received for District Project:**

St. James .....	\$ 25.00
Unity .....	35.00
White Rock .....	25.00
Opelika .....	20.00

TOTAL .....\$105.00

**Received for State Project:**

White Rock .....	20.00
Montgomery .....	20.00
Opelika .....	20.00

TOTAL .....\$ 60.00

Special Offering from District Convention .....	\$ 40.00
Student Loan Fund (Montgomery Church) .....	15.00

TOTAL .....\$312.00

**Paid Out**

District Project .....	\$105.00
State Project .....	60.00
State Convention for Fees .....	80.00
Student Loan Fund .....	15.00
District for printing of minutes .....	10.00
Gospel Light Singers .....	20.00
Rev. and Mrs. Karel Smith .....	20.00

Total paid out .....\$310.00

Balance Brought Forward .....\$ 28.88

Received .....312.00

Total Paid Out .....310.00

Balance in Bank .....\$ 30.88

Opelika Auxiliary 103, 19th Street, Opelika, Alabama 36801

Pres. Nancy Carmack

V. Pres. Betty Hollis

Secretary and Treas Elsie Hale

Program Chairman Lora Cagle

Sinspiration Chairman Frances Nelson

St. Mark Auxiliary

Pres. Pat Milling, 502 - 30th Street, Phenix City, Alabama

V. Pres. Mae Lacy

Sec.-Treas. Helen Brown, Route 5, Box 273, Phenix City, Alabama

Prayer Chairman Velma Meadows, 521 Heath Dr., Columbus, Georgia

Action Chairman Nell Thompson

Study Chairman Bessie Chapman

White Rock Auxiliary

Pres. Brunette Sutton, Route 4, Box 18

Secretary Juanita Wyatt, Route 3, Box 227, Phenix City, Alabama 36867

St. James Auxiliary

Treasurer Etta Jones, 2011 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Alabama

Unity-Sylacauga Auxiliary



Sec. & Treas. Jewell Sims, 410 S. Main, Sylacauga, Alabama 35150

#### Montgomery Auxiliary

President Kay Russell, 7 Robert E. Lee Dr., Millbrook, Alabama 36054  
V. Pres. Regina Hartzog, 11 Brantwood Dr., Montgomery, Alabama 36109

### PROCEEDINGS — SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

AUGUST 9, 1975

Morning session opened with song, "Anywhere With Jesus", led by Ronnie Knighton and pianist Virginia Harden. Prayer by Rev. Crowston, missionary appointee. Song, "I Am Resolved". The meeting was called to order by the clerk, Pat Milling. Minutes were read and adopted with corrections: Montgomery church paid twice last time, so they are not paying this time. Clerk to check the records. Bethel missed last time, so they are paying twice this time. The Moderator appointed Sis. Gladys Clawson and Sis. Nadine Dean to read the letters. Songs, "Joy Unspeakable", "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", while Sis. Clawson and Sis. Dean look over the letters. Letters read. Move to accept as read. Second, carried. Delegates seated. Bro. Milling appointed the committees as follows: Business & Finance: Chairman, Horace Jackson; Ralph Clawson, Sis. Ruth Postlewait, Faron Boutwell, Erma Brown, Bobby Sue Wright, James Allen. Congregational song, "When We All Get To Heaven". Special song by Sis. Fannie Whitehurst, "There's A Hand Leading Me". Rev. Walter Jones introduced Rev. John Edwards, State Home Missionary in Decatur, Alabama, who gave a report on the mission work there. He brought the morning message, with text taken from Romans 12-1,2.

Afternoon session opened with songs, "Banner of the Cross", and "Blessed Assurance", led by Ronnie Knighton and pianist Sis. Virginia Harden.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Business & Finance:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
Opelika	12.00	5.00	6.49
Unity	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00		
Montgomery	12.00		
Bethel	24.00		20.00
	108.00	25.00	26.49

Move to accept the report as read. Second. Carried.

#### Business Report:

There were two recommendations from the Business Committee, which the body voted to handle item by item.

Item 1. We recommend that we give Gilbert Free Will Baptist Church

a letter of dismissal from the East Alabama Association. Move, Second. Carried.

Item 2. We recommend that Bro. Milling be replaced as trustee of the Children's Home because of his work load. Discussion. Motion made to keep Bro. Milling as trustee. Second. Carried.

#### Ordination Council Report:

Bro. Ray Fletcher coming from North East Association of Mississippi. Bro Sellers moved to receive him pending a letter from his association. Second. Carried. The clerk is to write this association for his letter: Rev. Paul Long, Route 5, Box 131, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801. (done 9-17-75). During the song, "Glory To His Name", Bro. Fletcher was welcomed into this association. Bro. Walter Jones gave a report on Sunday School—C. T. S. Board. Reminder to send fees. Report received as item of information.

#### Children's Home Report:

25 children at the home—2 graduated. Mike Reed going to Hillsdale Bible College—plans to be a chaplain in the Army. The home needs another freezer to store food grown at the home. 26 hogs sold for \$2800. Repairs—finish new roof—cost \$4,500. Need to redrill & recase the well—rusting out the pump—buy new pump, iron ore vein. Work on girl's dorm complete except for 2 rooms—guest room and storage room, made a sewing room. Staff shorthanded—secretary left to take job at bank. A houseparent for the teenage girls is needed. Minimum standards make it more difficult to run the home. Standards must be met by Feb. 1, 1976. Examples—full time Social Worker—\$10,000 yr., full time dietician. A man from Georgia donated 940 pairs of shoes. Remodel in boys bathroom. About 1/3 of the Home's support comes from Alabama Free Will Baptists. Need \$7,000 in August. \$400 per child per month National Avg. We spend \$292 avg. per child per month.

#### East Alabama Missions:

Old balance	\$1,702.42
Rec.	26.49
Total on hand	1,728.91

Move, second, carried to receive report as information.

Motion made by Walter Jones requesting each church to send an offering once a month to State Home Missions.

Delegates to the State Association at Brewton, Ala (8 delegates): Fannie Whitehurst, Veronica Millirons, James Allen, Erma Brown, Sis. Betty Monday. Churches to let me know within one month other delegates.

Move to give the host church a rising vote of thanks. Second. Carried. Motion to adjourn, second, carried. Dismissed in prayer.

### PROCEEDINGS — THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 1975

Morning sessions opened with song, "Kneel At The Cross", led by Ronnie Knighton. Rev. Alton Sellers, Assistant Moderator, welcomed the



churches and the visitors. Bro. Rich led in prayer. After the song, "Where The Soul of Man Never Dies", the clerk called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Bro. Sellers called for the letters from the churches. There was a motion for the moderator to appoint someone to read the letters. Seconded, Carried. Bro. Sellers appointed Bro. James Allen and Bro. Charles Barnett.

Rev. Ray Fletcher brought the devotional on Mark 6:30-44. The letters were read by Bro. Allen and Bro. Barnett. Motion to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates. Second. Carried. There was a motion and second for the moderator to appoint the Business and Finance Committee. Carried. Bro. Sellers appointed the committee as follows: Bro. Rufus Lawhorn, chairman; Joan Boswell, Bobby Sue Wright, Bro. H. L. Parker, Bro. Lyn Blanchard, Bro. Otis Lynn. Song led by Ronnie Knighton and Sis. Martha Caswell at the piano—"The Gloryland Way." Rev. Ray Fletcher introduced Rev. Lester McMahan from Pell City, pastor of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. McMahan brought a very inspirational message from Hebrews, ninth chapter.

After a brief testimony service, Rev. Walter Jones made a motion to take up a love offering for the guest speaker, Rev. McMahan. Second. Carried. Bro. Otis Lynn asked the blessing on the food before we were dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with song, "Joy Unspeakable". Prayer by Rev. Walter Jones.

#### BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
Opelika	12.00	5.00	5.90
Unity	12.00	5.00	
St. James	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	12.00	5.00	
Totals	\$96.00	\$40.00	\$5.90

We recommend that each church send two separate checks—one for fees—one for the Children's Home because it is easier for the clerk to keep straight. Move, second, carried, to accept as read.

#### EAST ALA. MISSIONS REPORT:

Old balance	1,728.91
Nov. 1, 1975	5.90
Total on hand	\$1,734.81

Move, second, carried to accept as read.

#### BUSINESS REPORT:

Item 1. Recommend that we consider expansion of Home Missions in East Alabama. There are small towns without a F.W.B. Church. Discussed buying a tent, or renting one, and leaving it until the church is founded. Recommended Mission Board Explore the possibility.

Item 2. Support State Home Missions, if only a small offering each month. No recommendation. Home Missions Address: Dean Dobbs, c/o First F.W.B. Church, 1509 E. Main Street, Dothan, Ala. 36301.

Item 3. Recommend that the difference be shown between a licensed and ordained minister on the back of the letters. An ordained minister should not be shown as a licensed minister. (signed) Chairman, Bro. Rufus Lawhorn, Bro. Otis Lynn, Bro. Lyn Blanchard, Bro. H. L. Parker, Sis. Joan Boswell, Sis. Bobby Sue Wright.

Move, second, carried to accept this report.

#### ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT:

Move and second to send letter of recommendation for Rev. J. M. Goode to the South Georgia Association. Carried.

Move to accept Rev. Ray Fletcher in full fellowship, since we have received his letter. Second. Carried.

Motion, second to give the Board of Christian Education the authority to plan for a Youth Camp next year. Carried.

Motion made by Sis. Pat Milling to start a fund for Youth Camp within East Alabama. Second. Discussion—This would have to be brought back to each individual church to see if they would support the fund. Motion carried. Sis. Milling brought out that her idea was that this be handled similar to the East. Alabama Mission Fund.

Move to get a committee to study the possibility of starting a new church, discussed it was necessary to find a place and have a man interested. Second. Carried.

After no further business, motion to adjourn, seconded, carried. Motion to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Carried. Dismissed in prayer.

#### EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—PROCEEDINGS

February 14, 1976

Morning session opened with song, "Amazing Grace", led by Bro. Carlton Killingsworth and Sis. Martha Thornton. Prayer by Bro. Frank Tomlinson. The meeting was called to order by the clerk, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to accept as read. Second, carried. Bro. Milling, Moderator, called for the letters. Welcome was given by Rev. Pickett Knighton. Devotional and prayer by Rev. Rodger Milling. The letters from the churches were read by the clerk. Motion to receive the letters as read and to seat the delegates. Second, carried. The moderator appointed the Business and Finance Committee: Bro. James Brown, chairman; James Allen, Sis. Millirons, Bobby Sue Wright, Rufus Lawhorn, Hurtiss Carr, Otis Lynn. Sabbath Day Observance Committee—Guynette Barnett, Dorothy Jones, Gladys Thompson.



**Temperance Committee:** Adgie Mae Deason, Sis. Jackson, Martha Thornton. Deceased Committee: Ruth Postlewait, Sis. Lora Cagle, Sis. Erma Brown. There was an announcement for the Board of Christian Education to meet during the lunch hour. After the songs, "Press On, It Won't Be Very Long," "I'd Rather Be An Old-Time Christian", Rev. Walter Jones introduced the speaker, Rev. Thomas Scott from Enterprise, Alabama. His text was taken from Matthew 28. Following his message, and offering was received for Bro. Scott. Offering was \$43.95. Song, "When He Put A Little Sunshine In", dismissed for lunch following prayer.

Afternoon session opened with song, "Some Day", followed by prayer.

#### CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT:

1. 19 children in the home. 2. The State Association refused to accept state or federal support for the home. 3. Hired a Social Worker—Beverly Balinger, Jan. 1st, at \$10,000 a year. 4. Dec. and Jan. were record months in cash giving for the home. 5. The dietician gave a report—The average cost per child per meal is 41¢ at the home. The national average is 89¢ for hospitals. 6. The homecoming was on Thanksgiving. 150 people attended. The home has cared for 360 different children since 1942. The home will have its homecoming every odd year in the future. 7. The planning committee met and recommended raises for all employees. This was discussed and passed. This amounts to about 5% of their income. 8. All churches in the East Alabama Association are asked to try to give \$100 per year above their regular giving for the home. This report was accepted as information.

#### SABBATH DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Isaiah 58:13-14: If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feel three with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (signed) Sis. Guynett Barnett, Sis. Dorothy Jones, Sis. Gladys Thompson. Move, second, to accept the report. Carried.

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

We your Temperance Committee look to 1st Corinthians 9:25: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." We feel we should abstain from all evil as being a Christian. We should set an example for being a Christian by our every day living. Sis. Martha Thornton, Sis. Adgie Mae Deason, Sis. Jeanette Jackson. Move, second, carried to receive this report.

#### DECEASED COMMITTEE REPORT:

St. James: Ezra Levi Millsap, born 4-15, 1901, died Jan. 24, 1975; Heriberto Bently, born 4-22-1901, died 4-16, 1975; Marcius Bruce Lee, born Sept. 4, 1949, died May 31, 1975; Eva M. Fuller, born 2-17-1906, died June 1, 1975;

Lottie Carrie Windham, born 2-18-1889, died June 25, 1975; Thomas F. Stowe, born Jan. 18, 1915, died Dec. 29, 1975.

Opelika Church: A. C. Hagins

Unity Church: Sis. Minnie Brooks died 3-30-1975.

Marie Vickers died August, 1975. We of the deceased committee ask that each church submit the missing information to Pat Milling within the next couple of weeks and hereafter present this information on your yearly reports.

(signed) Sis. Ruth Postlewait, Sis. Erma Brown, Sis. Lora Cagle. Move, second, carried to receive this report. There was a period of silent meditation in honor of the deceased, and prayer by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood.

#### EAST ALABAMA MISSIONS REPORT:

Old balance	\$1,734.81
Rec. 2-14-76	23.95
Total on hand	\$1,758.76

Move, second, and carried to accept this report.

The congregation sung a few songs while the Executive Committee met briefly. Songs: "Come Unto Me", and "Glad Reunion Day."

#### ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT:

After questioning the candidates for ordination, the Council recommends that the association accept Bro. Jimmy Jones and Bro. Preston Wright as deacons, and Rev. Jimmy Youngblood as a minister of the Gospel, pending a letter of good standing from his association. (Cahaba River). Move, second, carried. Rev. Ray Fletcher gave the charge using I Timothy third chapter. Rev. J. L. Jones led in prayer. The candidates were given the right hand of fellowship while the song, "When We All Get To Heaven" was sung. A report on State Home Missions was given by Rev. Walter Jones. Move, second, carried to receive as information.

#### BUSINESS AND FINANCE REPORT:

Church	Fees	Children's Home	Missions
Opelika	12.00	5.00	6.29
St. James	12.00	5.00	
White Rock	12.00	5.00	
St. Mark	12.00	5.00	
Luverne	12.00	5.00	
Montgomery	12.00	5.00	
Bethel	12.00		
Unity	12.00	10.00	17.66
Total	\$96.00	\$40.00	\$23.95

Move, second, and carried to receive this report as read.



**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT:**

We recommend Bro. Lester Thornton to the association for the position on the Board of Christian Education.

Move, second, carried to accept report.

The clerk read the request for the letter for Rev. Leiland Floyd. There was a move, second, to grant him a letter of good standing. Carried.

**NEW OFFICERS FOR 1976-1977:**

Moderator—Rev. Rodger Milling  
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Ray Fletcher  
Clerk—Patricia Milling  
Assistant Clerk—Nadine Dean

**Executive Committee:**

5 year term—Rev. Ray Fletcher  
4 year term—Rev. Walter Jones  
3 year term—Rev. Sanford Hale  
2 year term—Rev. J. L. Jones  
1 year term—Rev. Huey Lacy

**Board of Christian Education:**

5 year—Lester Thornton  
4 year—Randy Carr  
3 year—Rev. Ronnie Knighton  
2 year—Judy Lee  
1 year—Rev. Ernest Dukes

**Ordination Council:**

5 year—Rev. Ray Fletcher  
4 year—Rev. Huey Lacy  
3 year—Carlton Killingsworth  
2 year—Rev. Sanford Hale  
1 year—Charles Barnett

East Alabama Mission Fund Treasurer—Rev. Rodger Milling

Trustee to Children's Home—Rev. Rodger Milling (elected in August).

After no further business there was a motion to adjourn. Second. Carried. Dismissed in prayer.

**CHURCH DECORUM**

1. The church may choose a pastor annually or as determined necessary by the church, or if they prefer they may call a pastor for an indefinite length of time.

2. The pastor shall be moderator of all church conferences, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, some other suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

3. There shall be one or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to assist the pastor in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

4. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of minutes of the church.

5. When a new clerk is appointed, all books, etc. belonging to the clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

6. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

7. Conference shall be opened and conducted as follows: 1. Prayer (unless divine service has been conducted). 2. Invite visiting brethren to sit with us. 3. Open doors of church for reception of members. 4. Acknowledgments. 5. References or deferred business. 6. Matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. 7. Miscellaneous business. 8. Adjournment.

8. Visiting brethren who are called in as helps from sister churches shall be allowed to speak and make motions or second motions, but will not be allowed to vote.

9. Any orderly member of another church who does hold this church in membership, may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

10. No member shall be received without the majority of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

11. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend this trial; provided his residence be known to the church.

12. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be recorded in the minutes in the church books.

13. Members dismissed from the church by letter, who become dis-



orderly or continue to hold their letter without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

14. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition, if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

15. A vote shall not be taken on any question without being moved and seconded and all important questions must be moved and seconded and the vote taken by members rising to their feet, and all votes taken by count.

16. No other motion shall be considered while a previous motion and second is before the conference.

17. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to be absent from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon his request, may be excused by the church from voting on either side in particular cases.

18. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to being called by the moderator.

19. All discussion in conference must be conducted with calmness and good faith; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

20. No one shall speak more than three times on the motion without permission of the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.

21. When the moderator speaks he must nominate some other brother in his stead.

22. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call the speaker to order.

23. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and feet washing at least once a year and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

24. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any.

25. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

26. This Decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

27. This association recommends that this association not consider for ordination any man who does not pay tithes.

28. Any member who is absent from his church for six months shall be placed on inactive roll until he returns and proves himself to the satisfaction of the church.

### BY-LAWS

1. The East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists and its members adopt the treatise of the national association of Free Will Baptists in faith and practice.

2. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of these is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the association. These delegates shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to their seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the association. In case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

4. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association reporting in the same spiritual condition, benevolent work and statistics. Any body belonging to this association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the association by a two thirds vote of all members present.

5. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

6. By a two thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

7. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

8. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

9. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission from the moderator.

10. It shall be the duty of all members of the association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting.

11. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

13. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

14. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

15. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one fifth of the members present.

16. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than



five minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

17. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of the business section.

18. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

19. Minutes of the last Association meeting shall be read and adopted at the beginning of each session.

20. No Preacher shall be ordained for preferably one year after receiving his license, or at which time he shall be called to pastor a church.

21. Any church desiring the service of the Ordaining Council between conferences must bear the expenses of the council.

22. Any minister coming to this association bring letter of recommendation from his association or from local church.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Holy Bible. The Scriptures of the Old Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rules of faith and practice. 2 Peter 1:18-21, 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the Universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey. Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; Jun. 7:28; 2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Tim. 6:17.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever-present savior and Lord. Isa. 45:21; Jn. 4:42; Rev. 22:13; 1 Jn. 5:20; 1 Tim. 3:16.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men. Jn. 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:11; Acts 13:2; Jn. 16:8.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare of man requires. Psalms 19:12; Psalm 145:10; Acts 17:28; Psalm 22:28.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but in disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Deut. 30:19; Ezek. 33:11; Jer. 44:4; Psalm 5:15; Jn. 6:44.

7. The Work of Christ. The son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that

is full, free and is the ground of salvation by faith. 2 Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 3:3; Col. 2:8-10; Jn. 16:30; Jn. 3:13; Isa. 9:6.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Rom. 10:10, Acts. 16:31, Heb. 11:1-6, Rev. 2:10, Jn. 15:9.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. Rom. 11:5-7-28; Rom. 9:11.

10. Freedom of the Will. Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit or to resist them and perish. Rev. 22:17, Jn. 11:12.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. 2 Col. 13:14; Matt. 11:28; Isa. 45:22; Rev. 22:17; 1 Tim. 2:4.

12. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, is an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and is to be administered to all true believers. Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; M. 1:5; Rom. 6:4; Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; John 13:1-17.

13. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament. Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor 16:2)

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from the secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3, Mk. 2:27, Ex. 20:8-11, Neh. 9:14, LK. 24:1-6.

15. Resurrection. Judgment and final Retribution. The Scripture teaches the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Eccl. 12:7; Phil. 1:23; LK. 23:43; Matt. 17:3; Matt. 10:28; Acts 1:11; Matt. 28:6; JN. 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:22; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16; Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 2:23; 2 Pat. 1:11; Mk. 3:29; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10; Acts 17:31.



**BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
OF THE EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**ARTICLE I—PURPOSE**

The purpose of this board shall be to promote Church Training Service and Sunday School work in the East Alabama Association as a coordinating agency between District and State offices, and through conducting Youth Rallies, Teacher Training Conferences, Youth Retreats, Workers Retreats, etc.

**ARTICLE II—DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. The Board of Christian Education shall consist of directors as elected by the East Alabama District Association.

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall be elected as provided in the constitution and by-laws of the district Association according to an arrangement whereby each member has a term of office for five years, and their terms so arranged that only one member's term expires annually.

SECTION 3. In the event irregular vacancies occur on the board of directors between sessions of the District Association, such vacancies shall be filled by the general board of the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists according to the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the East Alabama Association.

SECTION 4. An annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held within ten days after each annual meeting of the East Alabama District Association, and the Board shall elect a chairman, assistant chairman, and secretary-treasurer, each of whom shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor, and the board shall have authority to create such other offices and elect officers thereto as it may deem necessary.

**ARTICLE III—SPECIAL MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the chairman or upon the written request of three of more members of the board of directors, provided notices of such meetings are given at least five days in advance of such meeting.

SECTION 2. No member of the board of directors shall receive compensation except that expenses incurred in discharging official duties may be paid.

SECTION 3. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board and absent members may be represented by proxy provided such proxy is accompanied by a signed letter by said director.

**ARTICLE IV—DUTIES AND POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. The board of directors shall have general supervision and control of the activities of the board of Christian Education and shall make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with these by-laws or with policy of the East Alabama Association for the management and direction of the activities of the Board of Christian Education and guidance of its officers, employees and agents.

SECTION 2. The Executive committee shall be composed of the officers of the Board of Christian Education and shall have such powers and duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the board of directors and these duties and powers may be all the duties and powers of directors. Copies of the minutes of any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to all directors within (7) days following such meeting.

SECTION 3. The Board of directors shall have the power to select from time to time a bank or banks as depository of funds of the Board of Christian Education and shall designate the person or persons authorized to sign checks thereon.

**ARTICLE IV—DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. The chairman shall (1) preside over all meetings of the Board of directors. (2) Call special meetings of the board of directors; (3) perform all acts and duties usually performed by an executive and presiding officer (4) Sign the name of the Board of Christian Education of East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists by himself as chairman to all papers and documents as he may be authorized and directed by the board of directors. The chairman may perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

SECTION 2. In the absence or disability of the chairman, the assistant chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of chairman, the assistant chairman shall serve as chairman until the next meeting or special meeting of the board of directors.

SECTION 3. The secretary-treasurer shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the board of directors. He shall keep an accurate record of all transactions, business, obligations, funds and assets of the Board of Christian Education and shall give security in an amount to be affixed by the board of directors. He shall perform such duties as the board of directors may direct. Upon an election of his successor, the secretary shall turn over to his successor all books and other property belonging to the board of Christian Education that may be in his possession.

SECTION 4. Any other officers elected to offices created by the board of directors shall perform such duties as may belong to such office as may be required by the board of directors.

**ARTICLE VI—REPRESENTATION**

SECTION 1. Each Sunday School and each C.T.S. shall send 2 delegates for each S.S. and C.T.S.

SECTION 2. With a fee of \$2.50 for each S.S. and C.T.S. making a total of \$5.00 and a special offering shall be received at rally.

**ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the members of the board of directors called for that purpose or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board voting personally or by proxy, and provided that said amendments have been approved by the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists.



	St. Mark	White Rock	St. James	Bethel	First Laverne	First Opelika	Unity	First Montgomery	Total
Total Members	272	134	358	27	131	173	108	56	1,259
Rec. by Statement or letter	25	35	7		3	5	24	10	109
Rec. by Baptism	6	13	3	1	4	4	29	8	68
Deceased or dismissed	15	7	12		3	5	11	5	58
Pastor's Salary	7,565	4,450	4,680	1,030	2,630	3,825	4,788	7,062	36,030
Building & Repair	4,799	5,399	3,219	525		3,000	1,364	70	18,376
Spent for Local Causes	20,042	16,302	19,121	2,742	6,156	10,871	2,190	18,200	95,624
Cooperative Plan		1,021				168		495	1,684
Foreign Missions		56	301	60				100	517
Home Missions	120		69	30	25			29	273
Orphanage		678	766	257	35	169		20	1,925
Retirement & Insurance	281		30	123				20	454
Associational Projects	20	20	20	25	10	39	43	15	192
Outside Causes	485	1,769	2,670	470	60	385		973	6,812
Total Expenditures	20,527	18,071	21,791	3,212	6,216	11,256	8,342	19,173	108,388
Value of Church Property	60,000	40,000	90,000	10,000	22,000	20,000	50,000	60,000	352,000
Value of Parsonage	21,000	5,000	10,000				8,000	15,000	59,000

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Alton J. Sellers	Rev. Walter E. Jones
Rev. Huey Lacy	Rev. Sanford Hale
Rev. G. T. Halliman	Rev. Charles Allen
Rev. Buford Fountain	Rev. James Ronnie Knighton
Rev. Rodger Milling	Rev. George I. Stitt
Rev. A. T. Byrd	Rev. Ernest Dukes
Rev. Floyd Gilbert	Rev. Ray Fletcher
Rev. J. L. Jones	Rev. Jimmy Youngblood
Rev. L. L. Cobb	Rev. Glen Monday
Rev. Chester Best, Sr.	Rev. James Blalock

## ORDAINED DEACONS

Bro. Carlton Killingsworth	Bro. Vernon Defee
Bro. Idus Killingsworth	Bro. Thurmon Reeves
Bro. L. B. Skinner	Bro. Rufus Rushing
Bro. O. A. Gibson	Bro. Johnny Jones
Bro. J. M. King	Bro. Preston Wright
Bro. J. A. Richburg	Bro. Robert Caswell
Bro. J. D. Keeter	Bro. Otis Lynn
Bro. Ronald H. Olson	Bro. Horace Jackson
Bro. Herman Griffith	Bro. Charles Champion
Bro. H. T. Shiver	Bro. Charlie Jones
Bro. J. W. Thomason	Bro. Herbert Jones
Bro. James Brown	Bro. Ralph Clawson
Bro. Clyde Ratchford	Bro. J. N. Bramblett
Bro. Charles Barnett	Bro. Ken Russell
Bro. Ray Holmes	Bro. Hurtis Carr
Bro. Eugene Scott	Bro. Lester Thornton



*Notes***CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and so far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.